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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT CANCELING CLAIMS

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of any fees due for the filing of this application, the Applicant amends the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

The Applicant amends Claims 2-9 as indicated on the attached marked-up versions of these claims.

Pursuant to CFR §1.121, the Applicant submits a replacement set of claims wherein the claim amendments have been properly entered.

REMARKS

This paper is submitted simultaneously with the filing of this application. At this time, the Applicant amends the claims of this application to remove the multiple dependent claims in order to minimize the claim fees due to the Patent and Trademark Office.

The Applicant also makes minor editorial changes to certain of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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Encl: Marked-up Amended Claims
Replacement Claims

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2. (Amended) AThe method according to claim 1, characterized in that one uses a data carrier (5) with a chip, and the identification data of the data carrier (5) are formed by a unique identifier stored in the chip and provided visibly on the data carrier (5).

3. (Amended) AThe method according to claim 1-~~or~~ 2, characterized in that a contactlessly communicating data carrier (5) is used.

4. (Amended) AThe method according to ~~any of the above claims~~ Claim 1, characterized in that at least one server (2) is used which passes on the identification and booking data conveyed with the telecommunication device to the data communication device (9).

5. (Amended) AThe method according to claim 1-~~or~~ 4, characterized in that in case of a facility with a plurality of access terminals (8) the identification and booking data are passed on only to the data communication device (9) of that access terminal (8) of the facility which is intended for the first access to the facility.

6. (Amended) AThe method according to claim 1, characterized in that the telecommunication devices used are mobile or stationary communication terminals.

7. (Amended) AThe method according to claim 6, characterized in that the telecommunication devices used are the Internet, mobile phones and/or personal digital assistants.

8. (Amended) AThe method according to ~~claim 6-~~or~~~~ 7, characterized in that the contactlessly communicating data carrier is part of the mobile communication terminal or its casing or a part connected therewith.

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9. (Amended) ~~A~~The method according to ~~any of the~~
~~above claims~~Claim 1, characterized in that the data
carrier is integrated into a watch or has the form of a
watch.

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1. A method for booking access entitlement for a facility accessible with a codable data carrier (5) via an access terminal (8) provided with a data communication device (9) for reading and for reading and coding data on the data carrier (5), characterized in that one uses a data carrier (5) coded with identification data which are provided visibly (6) on the data carrier (5), the identification data are conveyed together with the access entitlement data to be booked via a telecommunication device to the access terminal (8) and stored there, the data carrier (5) is identified upon arrival at the facility at the access terminal (8) with the data communication device (9) by comparison of the identification data coded thereon with the stored identification data, and the previously booked access entitlement data are coded on the identified data carrier (5) by the data communication device (9).

2. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, characterized in that one uses a data carrier (5) with a chip, and the identification data of the data carrier (5) are formed by a unique identifier stored in the chip and provided visibly on the data carrier (5).

3. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, characterized in that a contactlessly communicating data carrier (5) is used.

4. (Amended) The method according to Claim 1, characterized in that at least one server (2) is used which passes on the identification and booking data conveyed with the telecommunication device to the data communication device (9).

5. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, characterized in that in case of a facility with a

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6. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, characterized in that the telecommunication devices used are mobile or stationary communication terminals.

8. (Amended) The method according to claim 6, characterized in that the contactlessly communicating data carrier is part of the mobile communication terminal or its casing or a part connected therewith.

9. (Amended) The method according to Claim 1, characterized in that the data carrier is integrated into a watch or has the form of a watch.

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